

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SIGRID ALEXANDER,

Plaintiff,

-v-

FREELANCERS HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATION
d/b/a HEALTH REPUBLIC INSURANCE OF NEW YORK,
BRIAN WALKER, *Individually* and RON ROSTOW,
Individually,

Defendants.

15 Civ. 2710 (LGS)(DCF)

CIVIL CASE
MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND SCHEDULING
ORDER

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, United States District Judge:

This Civil Case Management Plan is submitted by the parties in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3).

1. All parties do not consent to conducting all further proceedings before a United States Magistrate Judge, including motions and trial. 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). The parties are free to withhold consent without adverse substantive consequences. *[If all parties consent, the remaining paragraphs need not be completed.]*
2. The parties have conferred pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f).
3. This case is governed by one of the following sets of rules and the parties' proposed dates in this order have been adjusted accordingly.
 - a. An employment case governed by the Initial Discovery Protocols for Employment Cases?
[Yes ___ / No X]
 - b. A § 1983 case governed by the Plan for Certain § 1983 Cases Against the City of New York?
[Yes ___ / No X]
 - c. A patent case subject to the Local Patent Rules?
[Yes ___ / No X]
4. Alternative Dispute Resolution/Settlement
 - a. Settlement discussions have taken place.

- b. Counsel for the parties have discussed an informal exchange of information in aid of early settlement and have agreed to exchange the following:

The parties have discussed the informal exchange of information in aid of early settlement. No documents have been exchanged to date.

- c. Counsel for the parties has discussed the use of the following alternate dispute resolution mechanisms for use in this case: (i) a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge; (ii) participation in the District's Mediation Program;¹ and (iii) retention of a private mediator. Counsel for the parties propose the following alternate dispute resolution mechanism for this case:

The parties are amenable to participation in the District's Mediation Program, a settlement conference before a Magistrate Judge and/or retention of a private mediator.

- d. Counsel for the parties recommend that the alternate dispute resolution mechanism designated in paragraph 4(b) be employed at the following point in the case (e.g., within the next 60 days, after the deposition of plaintiff is completed (specify date); after the close of fact discovery):

Within the next 60 days.

- e. The use of any alternative dispute resolution mechanism does not stay or modify any date of this Order.

5. No additional parties may be joined after September 27, 2015 without leave of Court.

6. Amended pleadings may be filed without leave of Court until September 26, 2015.

7. Initial disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) shall be completed no later than September 18, 2015. *[Within 14 days of the parties' Rule 26(f) conference, absent exceptional circumstances.]*

8. Fact Discovery

- a. All fact discovery shall be completed no later than December 31, 2015. *[A period not to exceed 120 days, unless the Court finds that the case presents unique complexities or other exceptional circumstances.]*

- b. Pursuant to the Initial Discovery Protocols for Employment Cases, Initial Discovery shall be provided by August 19. Initial requests for production of documents pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 34 shall be served by August 28, 2015.

¹ This case has been assigned to mandatory mediation in the Southern District. Mediation is scheduled for September 11, 2015.

- c. Interrogatories pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 33 shall be served by October 1, 2015.
- d. Depositions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 30, 31 shall be completed by December 25, 2015.
- e. Requests to admit pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 36 shall be served by December 21, 2015.
- f. Any of the deadlines in paragraphs 8(b) through 8(e) may be extended by the written consent of all parties without application to the Court, provided that all fact discovery is completed by the date set forth in paragraph 8(a).

9. Expert Discovery [if applicable]

- a. Anticipated types of experts if any:

Plaintiff: Psychologist and cardiologist.
Defendants: Rebuttal experts

- b. All expert discovery shall be completed no later than February 9, 2016. *[Within 45 days from the date in paragraph 8(a), i.e., the completion of all fact discovery, absent exceptional circumstances.] Omit* unless types of experts are identified.
- c. By November 30, 2015 *[no later than one month before the date in paragraph 8(a), i.e., the completion of all fact discovery]* the parties shall meet and confer on a schedule for expert disclosures, including reports, production of underlying documents and depositions, provided that (i) expert report(s) of the party with the burden of proof shall be due before those of the opposing party's expert(s); and (ii) all expert discovery shall be completed by the date set forth in paragraph 9(a).

10. This case is to be tried to a jury.

11. Counsel for the parties have conferred and their present best estimate of the length of trial is 5 days.

12. Other issues to be addressed at the Initial Pretrial Conference, including those set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3), are set forth below.

N/A

13. Letters and Conferences

- a. By November 24, 2015 [*60 days after the commencement of fact discovery*], the parties shall submit a status letter, as outlined in Individual Rule IV.A.2.
- b. By January 14, 2016 [*14 days after the close of fact discovery*], all counsel must confer to discuss settlement and jointly advise the Court in writing whether or not they request a referral for settlement discussions as provided in Paragraph 4(c) above.
- c. On January 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. [*Usually 14 days after the close of discovery*], a case management conference shall be held. The conference will serve either as a pre-motion conference for any party seeking to file a summary judgment motion, or a scheduling conference for trial.
 - i. A party wishing to file a summary judgment motion shall file a pre-motion letter, and any party wishing to oppose also shall file a letter at the times and in the form provided in the Court's Individual Rule III.A.1. The Court will set the briefing schedule at the conference. The Court will set a firm trial date after a decision on any summary judgment motion.
 - ii. If no pre-motion letters are timely filed, at the Case Management Conference, the Court will set dates for a final pre-trial order, other pre-trial submissions, a final pre-trial conference and trial. The trial date will be firm.

This Order may not be modified or the dates herein extended, except by further Order of this Court for good cause shown. Any application to modify or extend the dates herein (except as provided in paragraph 8(f)) shall be made in a written application in accordance with the Court's Individual Rules and shall be made no less than 2 business days prior to the expiration of the date sought to be extended.

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter the dates under paragraphs 5, 6, 8(a), 9(b)-(c) and 13(a)-(c) into the Court's calendar.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____
New York, New York

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD
United States District Judge

Counsel for the Parties

